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1. WE WILL BE PREPARED TO PRESENT DIPLOMATIC NOTE ON FPZ AFTER GON FORMALLY ESTABLISHES IT. THE ISSUE WAS STILL BEFORE THE CABINET ON DECEMBER 12, ACCORDING TO LOS MINISTER EVENSEN. ALL CURRENT INDICATIONS ARE GOVERNMENT WILL SET DATE FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF FPZ IN EARLY 1977 AND WILL PROBABLY ANNOUNCE ITS DECISION BEFORE END OF 1976. HOWEVER, IT IS POSSIBLE ANNOUNCEMENT WILL MERELY STATE INTENTION OF GON TO SET UP FPZ SOME TIME IN THE FUTURE.

2. NOTE CONTAINED REFTEL AND OUR NOTE OF NOV. 21, 1974, REFER ONLY TO SVALBARD, BUT EMBASSY IS UNCERTAIN WHETHER USG CONSIDERS THAT ALL AREAS AND ISLANDS SUCH AS BEAR ISLAND REFERRED TO IN ARTICLE 1 OF THE 1920 TREATY ARE INCLUDED AS PART OF SVALBARD ITSELF. (OUR AIDE MEMOIRE OF MAY 7, 1976, REFERS IN PLACES TO SVALBARD, THE SVALBARD AREA, AND THE SVALBARD ARCHIPELAGO AS
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WELL AS TO THE SPITSBERGEN TREATY.) EMBASSY WONDERS, THEREFORE, WHETHER IT MIGHT NOT BE ADVANTAGEOUS TO SUBSTITUTE SOMETHING ALONG THE LINES OF "APPERTAINING TO SVALBARD" IN THE NOTE CONTAINED IN THE REFTEL. THIS WAY IT COULD NEVER BE ARGUED THAT USG HAD EXCLUDED FROM OUR LATEST RESERVATION (BY NOT MENTIONING IT) BEAR ISLAND AND THE POTENTIAL EXPLOITATION AREA

IT GENERATES ITSELF (THOUGH OF COURSE THIS WOULD MAKE THE TEXT
OF OUR LATEST RESERVATION DIFFERENT FROM OUR NOTE OF NOVEMBER
1974.

3. BUT, WE DEFER TO THE LAWYERS. PLEASE ADVISE.
ANDERS

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